



**High Nature Value farming:
The CIHEAM-IAMM coordinates the recently awarded
HNV-LINK H2020 project**

Press Release

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The work of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (CIHEAM-IAMM) on High Nature Value farming is getting an important boost from a prestigious [Horizon 2020](#) project called HNV-Link, which stands for High Nature Value Farming: Learning, Innovation and Knowledge. This is a 13-partner consortium, which grew out of the [EIP Focus Group](#) on HNV farming. With an overall budget of 2.2 M€, the project started in April 2016 and will last for three years.

The project network will be focusing on innovations that support HNV farming systems and communities by simultaneously improving their “socio-economic viability” and “environmental efficiency”. A set of “learning areas” will be used to evaluate innovation examples and innovation gaps, not only technical and commercial innovation but also social, institutional and policy innovation. There is also an ambitious dissemination plan for engaging farmers groups, researchers and other actors beyond the 10 learning areas.

The project will support grassroots activities (such as exchange visits), which are always highly demanded by practitioners on the ground. Among the major outputs is an atlas of



innovations feasible within HNV farming areas. The project will also host an “Innovation Fair” to foster peer learning. Finally, HNV-Link will identify existing educational material and expose educators and students alike to HNV concepts, challenges and opportunities. The project’s website and other communication channels will be established by mid-2016.

If you want to get an update and follow the project:

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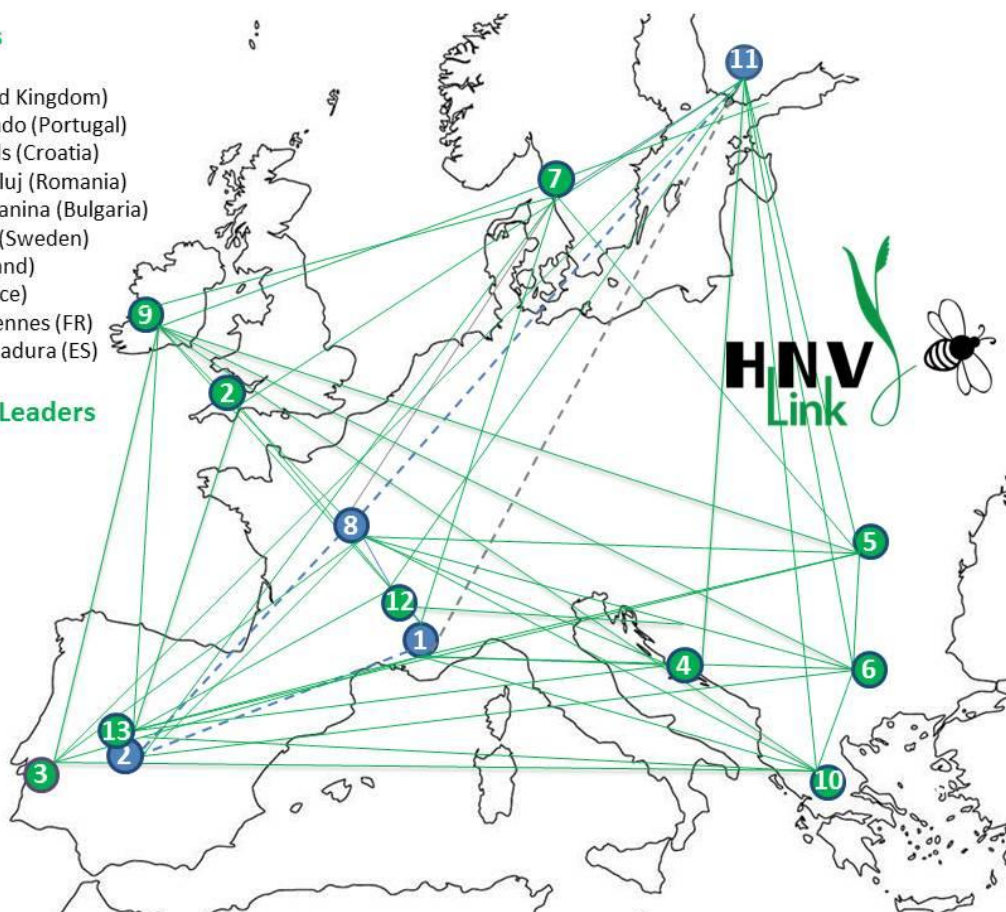
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Learning Areas

- 2) Dartmoor (United Kingdom)
- 3) Sitio de Monfurado (Portugal)
- 4) Dalmatian Islands (Croatia)
- 5) Eastern Hills of Cluj (Romania)
- 6) Western Stara Planina (Bulgaria)
- 7) Västra Götaland (Sweden)
- 9) The Burren (Ireland)
- 10) Thessalia (Greece)
- 12) Causses et Cévennes (FR)
- 13) La Vera, Extremadura (ES)

Work Package Leaders

- 1) CIHEAM-IAMM
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